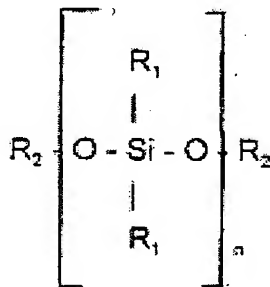


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

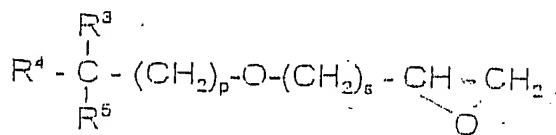
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-7. (canceled)
8. (currently amended) A composition comprising:  
a resin constituent which includes ,  
i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,  
ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:

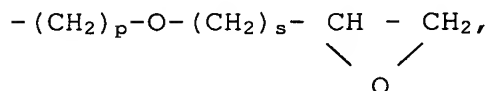


where  $[[R^1]]$   $\underline{R}_1$  is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms,  $[[R^2]]$   $\underline{R}_2$  is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

- iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains, wherein the non-aromatic epoxy resin is a branched aliphatic epoxy resin, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula

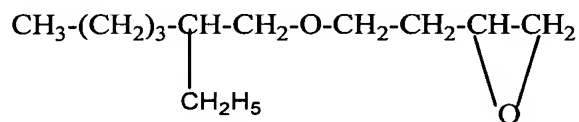


where p is an integer between 0 and 3, s is an integer between 1 and 3, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> represent independently C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or a group



where p and s are as defined above and R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or a group  $-(CH_2)_p-O-(CH_2)_s-\begin{array}{c} CH-CH_2 \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ O \end{array}$ , where p and s are as defined above,

and wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



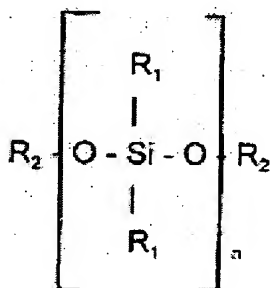
9-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A composition consisting essentially of:

a resin constituent which includes

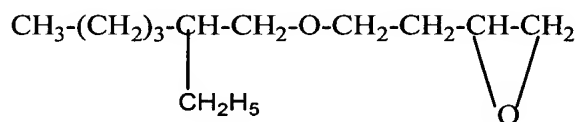
i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,

ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



where  $[[R^1]]$   $R_1$  is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms,  $[[R^2]]$   $R_2$  is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

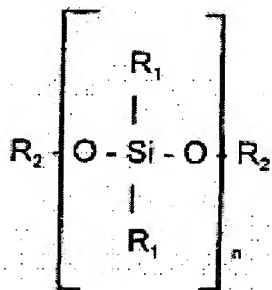
iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



14. (currently amended) A composition consisting essentially of:

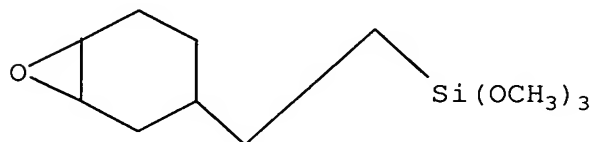
a resin constituent which includes

- i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,
- ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



where  $[[R^1]]$   $\underline{R}_1$  is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms,  $[[R^2]]$   $\underline{R}_2$  is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



15-18. (canceled)